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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Paul A. Hungerford

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For: SPEAKER HOUSING

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Examiner: Walter F. Briney III

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**COMMENTS OF THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed June 15, 2007, please consider the following comments.

**Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance**

**Claims 1-24 and 30-32**

In commenting on the allowance of claim 1 (in the Office Action, mailed 24 January 2007), the Examiner incorrectly states that "Novitschitsch provides a dual-sided connector with oppositely facing side inputs where one input is on an outside surface while the other input is on an inside surface." Contrary to the Examiner's statement, Novitschitsch discloses a connector having only one input on the outside surface with an output within the speaker housing. Novitschitsch does not disclose a connector with two inputs or with oppositely facing inputs.

**Claim 25**

In commenting on the allowance of claim 25, the Examiner refers only to paragraph (038) of the patent application, alleging it "requires that the dual-sided connector includes a T-shaped cavity, which differs from the straight-through connector disclosed by Novitschitsch. The T-shaped cavity underscores the fact that signals are presented to the loud speaker from two opposite directions outside of the speaker housing."

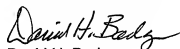
The Examiner's comments erroneously ignore that "means, attached to the outside of the housing means, for inputting speaker signals from opposite directions" "shall be construed to cover the corresponding structure, material or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof", and erroneously ignore the descriptions of at least paragraphs 010-016, 038 and FIGS. 2-5.

**Claims 26-29**

In commenting on the allowance of claims 26-29, the Examiner states erroneously "Novitschitsch discloses a plug connector 8 that corresponds generally speaking, to the 'dual-sided connector/means for inputting speaker signals from opposite directions'." Novitschitsch and its connector 8 do not disclose a "connector/means for inputting speaker signals from opposite directions." Novitschitsch's connector 8 has a single input for speaker signals

from a single direction on the outside of the speaker housing and an output for the speaker signals within the speaker housing.

Respectfully submitted,



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